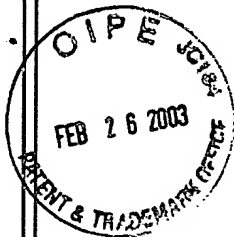


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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2002, the period for response being extended by two months with the requisite fees enclosed, early reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend and replace the last paragraph on page 6 of the specification with the following paragraph (such amendments being particularly shown with deletions bracketed and additions underlined in the attached Appendix):

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